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There is a feeling of Christmas in the air! Even the thought of tests and examinations, before or after, cannot keep the spirits down these days. Away back in November we heard the girls singing Christmas carols and we expect, as the time draws nearer, it will become more and more difficult to keep one's mind on such things as studying, teaching, typing, or even writing the News Letter!

Students of the University of Toronto "adopted" students of the University of Amsterdam in Holland this Christmas, and through the Students' Council a committee organized a drive in the different schools and faculties for money, books, sugar etc. The drive ended in a "monster" Christmas Tree celebration on the front campus when the gifts were brought in. The S.A.C. office tells us the drive was a great success, as well as the celebration. A total of \$1850. was collected and hundreds of pounds of sugar, besides books and pins. They are now waiting for the names of the individual students at Amsterdam to whom these gifts may be sent.

On Friday, November 9th, Dr. Sidney E. Smith was formally installed as President of the University of Toronto. This was the first installation since 1907 and Dr. Smith is the eighth president since the founding of Kings College which preceded the University proper, in 1827, and the sixth since 1827 when Kings College became the University of Toronto. On such an historical occasion it was fitting that representatives should be present, not only from other universities in Canada, but from the United States and Europe as well. There were the men who received honorary degrees: Professor John Douglas Cockcroft of the University of Cambridge, President James Bryant Conant of Harvard University, Premier Drew of Ontario, Principal James of McGill, President Norman MacKenzie of the University of British Columbia and President Thomson of the University of Saskatchewan. Then there was Dr. M.A. Qamar, from the Egyptian University in Cairo, who flew over to the United States and came directly to Toronto for the event. We noticed him in the procession with his fox. There was President Herbert Davis from Smith College and Dr. Pereira from Portugal who represented the University of Oporto. Professor Kenneth Digby who is just back after being a prisoner of war with the Japanese, represented the University of Hong Kong, and Dr. William McClure, Cheung University of Shantung, China. The Charles IV University of Czechoslovakia was represented by the Czechoslovakian Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Pavlinek, and the National University of Mexico by the Mexican Ambassador, Dr. Francisco del Rio.

The actual installation was very simple but interesting. Principal Taylor of University College, Dean Gullie of the Faculty of Medicine and Dean Young of Applied Science helped Dr. Smith remove his academic gown and put on his presidential gown of dark blue and silver. Dr. Smith then repeated after the Chairman of the Board of Governors

Col. Eric Phillips, the declaration of installation: "I, Sidney Earle Smith, pledge myself to perform the duties of the President of the University of Toronto as prescribed by the statutes of the University; and I promise to defend the rights and to promote the welfare of the University and the members thereof." Dean Beattie of the Faculty of Arts, who gave the address of welcome, told Dr. Smith he hoped he would not set out to be the perfect president and never make a mistake. His mistakes would be a light to his path.

President Smith in his installation address, stated that the University of Toronto has its roots in Canada and should try to express the highest aspirations of Canadians and of Canada. "The role of the University of Toronto will increase and be enhanced", he said, "as the other universities increase and grow.....A degree from this university should be a hall mark on any man or woman.....Are not the Arts faculties in some instances concerned with professional or quasi-professional objectives to the detriment of their major mission of developing students who will be defenders of human freedom, examples of human dignity, and apostles of human values?"

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The Physical and Health Education Association had a very interesting Movie Night, the evening of November 20th in the Women's Union. The room was full and it was fun to see so many men. Such a change! Staff members were introduced and again it was surprising to see the number of men on the staff and present! And the pictures! For an hour and a half we climbed snowy mountains (or were whisked to the top by the modern ski method) and zoomed down again over breath-taking jumps or through wooded trails. We ski-jored, we raced, we skated; we marched and fenced and exercised with the women of Soviet Russia; we learned by slow motion how to high jump, broad jump and pole vault, and we dived from high towers turning somersaults, single and double, on the way down. And finally we came back to real life, drank chocolate milk and ate Charlie's doughnuts.

If you have ever been to Camp Tanamakoon, either in the summer or in September, you would have felt thoroughly at home at the Camp Re-union held at 415 Yonge Street on the second floor, on November 23rd. Plaid shirts, slacks and shorts were the order of the evening and everyone seemed to be full of camp spirits! The programme started with a skit staged by Eleanore Pattison, S.P.H.E. '45 and Thelma Korr, Law '46 as Mr. and Mrs. Kerpat, Gwen Earle (their daughter Alma, a very new camper) Marian Wadsworth, an old camper from P.H.E. and Vera Gilchrist, supposed to be an old camper from Honor English. Lots of laughter greeted the jokes and even the guest who had not been at camp, Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Rae, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Higginbottom, seemed to appreciate the subtle(?) humour. Slides of September camp and movies, some in technicolour, of the Tanamakoon summer camp, completed the programme. Delicious refreshments, square and social dancing, added "finish" to a very pleasant evening.

The Margaret Eaton Alumnae Association is still "going strong" -- or at least it is still going. Since the end of the war the organization has been passing through a transition period while reconverting to peace time activities. Plans are under way however, for service that will require your assistance, both financial and otherwise. Instead of looking after the ship which they did for so long, the Alumnae members have undertaken to help at Christie St. Hospital, where there are many men who have no family to look after them. It is surprising how many things can be done to make life a little more interesting. Will you knit? Sweaters, gloves, mitts, helmets, etc. are needed for those who have to sit outside on the roof..... The Christmas Packing Party, an institution with the M.E.S. Alumnae, will be held on December 20th at Edith Amsden's, 95 Howland Avenue. Clothes and toys for children up to seven years, food and money are all needed. Do not wait for someone to telephone to you. Send your donations in early.....The December meeting was held at Lois Russell Heaton's.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Chu of China. Mrs. Chu is a graduate nurse and Mr. Chu is here on a scholarship taking Mechanical Engineering.....Keep January 15th for the next meeting and plan to go. Place to be announced later.

The greatly increased enrolment in the School this year has necessitated some additions to the teaching staff. Barbara Burnaby Kerfoot is teaching some of the swimming for the women students. Mrs. Kerfoot is a graduate of the University of Toronto and specialized in Physical Education at the Ontario College of Education. Immediately after graduation she taught in the Bowmanville High School. Later, while her husband was overseas, she headed the health education department of the Toronto Central Y.W.C.A. In the Men's Physical Education Department, we have L. Bryden Smith, Art Chetwynd and Jim Follwell, who are also assisting with activities in the general physical education programme for university students. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Chetwynd have recently been released from the R.C.A.F. Previous to this Mr. Smith taught school for six years in British Columbia and specialized in Physical Education. While there he helped with the development of Track and Field, Soccer, Softball, Basketball etc. among the rural schools on Southern Vancouver Island. He is taking part of the Physical and Health Education course. Before his enlistment Mr. Chetwynd was Director of Remedial Gymnastics in the Physiotherapy Clinic of the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Board in Vancouver. Mr. Griffiths says, "Chet" has had a wide experience in the general field of Physical Education.....He was one of the outstanding men in the medical re-conditioning and convalescent programme which was organized by Warren Stevens. Jim Follwell spent nearly two years in Iceland with the 162nd Squadron of the R.C.A.F. as a member of the "Y" War Services. He has his M.A. from Toronto and has been an active football, hockey and basketball player.

EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE IN THE PETERBOROUGH EXAMINER ON LAKEFIELD'S COMMUNITY SWIMMING AREA, PROMOTED BY MR. M.G.GRIFFITHS OF THE S.P.H.E. STAFF: (Editor's note: This in December, seems a little inappropriate, but as it may give someone an idea, we publish it herewith.)

A community swimming area, one of the few of its kind in the province designed particularly to promote swimming and water safety among both youngsters and adults, has become an outstanding feature of the village of Lakefield since it opened here in July. Built by residents of the village as part of a Lakefield Community Program, the new swimming area is located on the east shore of the Otonabee river, just south of the Lakefield dock area. Three separate sections have been laid out for swimming and water safety instruction; one for beginners, one for intermediates, and one for senior swimmers.

The key to the success of the swimming area has been the co-operation of the people of Lakefield, and the first person to tell you this will be M.G.Griffiths, M.P.E., M.A. president of the Ontario Branch R.L.S.S., and an assistant Professor of Physical Education at the University of Toronto. Mr. Griffiths, main sparkplug in the idea and a constant supporter ever since, first conceived the plan of establishing a community swimming area in the village, and approached the proper authorities. The plan met with the instant approval of Reeve Gordon Sriver and members of the village council.

The swimming area was opened to the public one week after construction had begun. Now, regular classes in swimming and water safety are being held for persons of all ages, under the direction of Arthur H. Campbell of the University of Toronto Life-guard Corps, instructor for the Royal Life Saving Society and the Canadian Red Cross. A number of Lakefield girls volunteered for posts of guard duty, and as a result, the village has what it believed to be the first all-girls' Lifeguard Corps of the Royal Life Saving Society in Canada. The only other girls' corps is said by officials to be in Australia. To-day, it's "Learn to Swim Week" every week of the summer for residents of the Lakefield district. The swimming area is crowded daily with enthusiastic

youngsters taking their first steps in swimming; older boys and girls are learning better strokes and methods of insuring safety at all times in the water. The project has been termed one of the best things to locate in Lakeland in a number of years. If anyone is particularly pleased to see the new swimming facilities in full swing, it must be Mr. Griffiths, long interested in physical education and safety in the water. He says the new development is stepping right in line with the physical fitness program throughout Ontario. He stresses that youngsters are not being taught what is known as "life-saving" but instead something quite different, "water-safety".

"A Psychologist looks at Physical Education" was the subject of the address given by Professor William Line to the members of the Central Ontario Physical Education Association at their meeting held on Monday, December 10th in the Ontario College of Education. Professor Line emphasized the fact that he was looking at Physical Education from a layman's viewpoint, a viewpoint that is important for us to know. He urged the study of the philosophy of Physical Education and made an interesting point when he dwelt on the implications connected with the use of the term 'education' in physical education.

And a reminder: HAVE YOU PAID YOUR C.P.E.A. MEMBERSHIP FEE? It is so easy to let it slip, and yet it really is a matter of life or death to the Association. Send one dollar to Mr. Stanley Rough, Secretary-Treasurer, 913 Coulomb Street, Arvida, Que. or to Mr. C.R. Blackstock, Pickering College, Newmarket, Ont.

NEWS NOTES:

Miss Hamilton flew in November to California where she will spend Christmas with her sister and family. She expects to return to Toronto early in the New Year.

A note from Lieut. "Tommy" Geddes, known to many former Margaret Eaton students, tells us that she expects to be with the Headquarters Staff of the Commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier until she is no longer needed. She writes: "My job has been declared a 'military necessity' as long as there are any Waves here". Mr. Geddes is back from the Pacific and out of the Navy. He is now on a tanker running between New York and Texas, but, we gather, expects eventually to return to the farm.

Born on November 26, 1945, to Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Haist, a son.

There was a nice write-up in The Varsity recently about Mrs. Marriott's success in re-decorating some of the common rooms of University College residences. We quote: Having re-designed the common rooms at 5 Willcocks and 146 St. George Street, and the reception room at Hutton House, Mrs. Marriott, Don at 146, is now working on the completed plans for interior decoration of the U.C. Junior Common Room. The re-decoration process had reached the blue-print stage early in the term. Next step was a white print drawn to scale with the required furniture sketched in color. With the outline completed and the overall plan in mind, Mrs. Marriott chose her color scheme. Walls of the Junior Common Room, it was decided, would be a subtle yellow, vibrating the tones of the furniture which will harmonize a celestine green with terra cotta. Individual pieces of furniture will consist of durable leather-covered lounges and easy chairs. Card table units will be introduced - flexible for re-arrangement where necessary. The chairs will have spring seats covered in leather and backs curved. "To plan a piece of furniture", observes Mrs. Marriott, "requires the same skill as to design a house." Mrs. Marriott, as well as being Don at 146 St. George Street, is assistant to Miss Ferguson, Dean of Women.

Born on December 13, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Gray Strang (Peggy Anderson) a daughter.

We have heard indirectly that Gwen Baalim Holland, Mr. Holland and little daughter,

have gone to England to live.

Friends of Gwen Berry will be glad to hear that she is now Mrs. Douglas Campbell and has a little girl, Julie. Gwen lives in Vernon, B.C.

Diana Cameron has been promoted to Squadron Officer.

Dorothy Cameron has a position with the Big Sisters in Toronto.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levitt (Marjorie Campbell) a son on November 6, 1945.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Troop (Barry Combe) on November 28, 1945, a son.

Born on December 14, 1945 to Dr. and Mrs. H.M. Coleman (Barry Crowe) a son.

Early in November we had a call from Betty Davis 4T4, who is teaching at Kennedy Collegiate Institute in Windsor, Ont. We have one of Betty's pupils, Mary MacDonald, in our first year.

Joan Davis 4T4, is attending the Ontario College of Education this year.

Helen Edmunds Roddick and Mr. Roddick are living at Long Beach, California, and are liking it very much.

Monica Folkersen 4T4 is teaching in Fort William, Ont.

An interesting letter came from Lieut. Joan Fellowes recently. Joan writes: "I have been very lucky and have been on the continent for nearly six months. During that time I saw quite a bit of the country if only for a very short time. I drove up through parts of Germany and was amazed with what I saw. The country is beautiful, very much like parts of Tanamakoon. In the country you would think that the people had never seen a war. The crops are plentiful, the people healthy and cheerful. The contrast comes when you go through such cities as Hanover and down through the Ruhr Valley, Essen, Dusseldorf, Munster. They are desolate. Nothing but piles of rubble. No buildings standing. You wonder how people can exist in such places, but they continue to come out from behind some pile of bricks.....I visited Amsterdam and Vollen-dam....At Vollen-dam you see the typical fishing village with the boats with the red sails. I managed to get to Paris for a day and a half. It is a magnificent and beautiful city as you know. I have also been to Luxembourg, Vimy, Calais and of course Brussels, where we were stationed. Belgium is the quickest country to get back to normal."

Friends of Betty Gilchrist Seaborn will be glad to know that her husband, Rev. R.L. Seaborn, has returned from overseas. They have gone with their three children to live in Cobourg, where Mr. Seaborn is rector of the Anglican Church.

Catharine Giles 4T4 obtained a position at the Oshawa Collegiate and Vocational School after completing her work at O.C.E. last spring.

Enid Goss Lowe spent a short time with her mother in Toronto this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are living at 64 Home St., Metuchen, N.E., as Mr. Lowe is teaching at the Rutgers Preparatory School.

Helen Jackson (Mrs. John Stamer) has three children, lives on a farm at Lavington, B.C. and is very busy as you can imagine.

Miriam Lavine Isaacs 4T5 is teaching part-time at Mildmay Institute.

Dorys McLaren 4T3 dropped in at the School recently. Dorys is teaching physical and health education at Port Colborne High School this year and is thoroughly enjoying her work. A sound proof ceiling has been installed in the gymnasium and she finds it a great improvement. The Teen-Agers in Port Colborne are being organized and Dorys has been asked to look after the program. All of which makes for an interesting job.

Elizabeth Jarvis Johnston and her husband, Mr. Frank Johnston, expected to be back in their own apartment, 1 Anderson Avenue, by December 1st. Mr. Johnston has been released from the Army and is back at his old position in Toronto.

Joyce Jarvis Matthews is living in Edmonton (8927-116th St.) where her husband, Mr. R. Matthews, recently released from the Navy is attending the University of Alberta. Virginia Kitto, 4T4 is teaching at the Scarboro Collegiate Institute.

Bette Marshall plans to fly home for Christmas from Victoria, and early in the New Year hopes to go to Columbia University for further study.

Edgar S. Matthews 4T5, has accepted a position at Queen's College, a co-educational high school at Nassau in the Bahamas. He is flying down after Christmas. In addition to being Sports Master, he is to teach English, Geography and Art.

Betty Mortimer 4T3 is with the Transport Division of the A.T.S. in London, England.

A note from Margaret Nicholson tells us that she is just as enthusiastic as ever over the Saskatchewan Recreation Movement, in which she is Supervisor of Group Work. Margaret sent us a "Guide to Formation of Recreation Councils", an interesting and instructive pamphlet prepared by different members of the SRM staff, including herself. Margaret had been to Moose Jaw and had seen both Margaret Drummond at the Y.W.C.A. and Bretta Powles. Bretta is physical director for girls at the Moose Jaw Normal School and is enjoying her work very much.

Muriel Ogden 4T4 is teaching in the Collegiate Institute at Cobourg, Ont.

2nd Lieut. Jean Sabiston 4T4, is driving a truck in France for the Red Cross. She picks up cartons of food and clothes for civilians at Marseilles and drives them to Monte Carlo, Menton and Nice. Jean is living in a big villa on a hillside outside Nice. The weather is glorious!

Muriel Sinclair writes cheerfully from #24 Canadian General Hospital in Surrey, Eng. She says, "We do not get any 'leave' over the holiday season, but about the middle of January I will get seven days. My last 'leave' was in October and I had the good fortune to fly to Ireland and back".

Frank Watson 4T4, still with the Y.M.C.A. War Services, has been transferred to the Eastern Command.

Phyllis Wray Barratt is taking the Physiotherapy Course at McGill University as is also Dorothy Buck.

Lorne F. Clayton 4T4, was married recently to Miss Elsie Florence Smith of Newmarket.

Frank and Jean Haig Hartman have bought a property at the mouth of the Severn River and expect to start a summer camp. They hope to be ready to open it by July 1st.

Mena Miller Tomalin, formerly Major Tomalin of the C.W.A.C. writes: "I was retired in April, after having been Commandant of the Advanced Training Centre at St. Anne de Bellevue for a year. It may be interesting to know that for a short period at the end, there were three M.E.S. graduates under one roof there. Major Weston and Captain Bartlet joined my staff, and thus representatives of '23, '33 and '40 were together.....I shall always remember my Army days with pleasure, and I am hoping to be able to get into the Rehabilitation work, in which I am extremely interested."

Gertrude Moore is spending a few weeks in Toronto with her mother, Mrs. S.H. Moore, and expects to be here until after the New Year. She has given up her work at the University of British Columbia, and is devoting her time to her summer camp, Moorecroft.

The latest C.P.E.A. Bulletin, just received, tells of a very interesting piece of work done at the London Normal School under Winifred Prendergast. In response to a request from Mr. Donald Smith, the Inspector of Public Schools for Middlesex East, Miss Prendergast, with the assistance of the Normal School students of whom Netta Morrison Kennedy is one, held a play day on October 5th for the senior pupils of 22 rural schools, to teach them organized playground games. There were 130 pupils and teachers in all and they were divided into 18 teams. There were not more than two from one school on each team and each team also had two Normal School students. There is a full account of this most worthwhile meet in the Bulletin.

A note has just come from Leona Scagram Clark telling us that her husband, Brigadier S. Findlay Clark, otherwise "Fin", got back from overseas on September 22nd, and her brother, Charlie, came a week later. Leona had been an ambulance driver with the Red Cross, Transport Section, and had her overseas badges up, but fortunately had not left Canada before her husband came home. They are now living in Ottawa (328 Chapel Street) and are looking forward to having their first Christmas together in six years. Brigadier Clark has been appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff, to General Foulkes, and we can tell you where he would not, that he was made a C.B.E. and Mentioned - in - Despatches.

We apologize for the unalphabetical arrangement of the News Notes. They are not even chronological either! We warn you that if you would be sure not to miss news of any of your classmates, you will have to read it all.

For six long years we have been waiting for the time when we could wish you a really merry Christmas. Even now, when the war is over, there is so much sorrow and tragedy in the world that we wonder if this is the year. But we have come to the conclusion that if we wait until conditions in the outside world really warrant the wish for a merry Christmas, it may be a long time before you get it. And so in spite of everything, perhaps because of everything, we wish you one and all a Merry Christmas, within and without -

A Christmas of good cheer

A Christmas of peace

A Christmas of love,

and we add in the words of Phillips Brooks,

"Then let every heart keep
Its Christmas within -
Christ's pity for sorrow,
Christ's hatred of sin,
Christ's care for the weakest,
Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness,
Christ's love of the light -
Everywhere - everywhere -
Christmas tonight."

Charlotte H. Lupton



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